

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the second paragraph on page 11 with the following amended paragraph:**

To avoid interference between the ball portion 18b and the ball portion 32b, the swing shaft 32a of the second wobble plate 32 is angularly offset by an offset angle  $\alpha$  degree with respect to the swing shaft 18a of the first wobble plate 18 when seen from the axial end of the secondary shaft 9 as shown in FIG. 7. The inclination angle of each of the first ~~slang-slant~~ shaft 9a and the second ~~slang-slant~~ shaft 9b with respect to the secondary shaft 9 is determined considering the offset angle  $\alpha$  degree so that the plunger 20 and the counterweight 31 can cause reciprocative motions opposed to each other with a phase difference of 180 degrees. More specifically, each inclination angle with respect to an axis of the driven gear 10 is maximized at the position corresponding to the offset angle  $\alpha$  degrees. A bore 31c, provided on the counterweight 31, is loosely coupled with the ball portion 32b of the second wobble plate 32. The ball portion 32b can roll along the cylindrical edge of the bore 31c. With this arrangement, the rotational motion of the secondary shaft 9 is converted into the reciprocative motion of the counterweight 31 (refer to FIG. 7).

**Please replace the second paragraph on page 12 with the following amended paragraph:**

A blade attaching portion 20c is formed at the front end of the plunger 20. The blade attaching portion 20c comprises a slit 20d into which the saw blade 27 is inserted and locked by a stepped blade locking pin 30. Cylindrical blade holders 28 and 29 are provided around the blade attaching portion 20c. The blade holder 28 is axially shiftable toward the rear end of the plunger 20 while it rotates against a resilient force. The stepped blade locking pin 30 retracts in response to the axially rearward and rotational movement of the blade holder 28. This mechanism allows the user to insert the saw blade 27 into the slit 20d when the user holds the blade holder 28 at the rearward position. When released, the blade holder 28 shifts in the axially forward direction and returns its home position while it rotates in the opposite direction. With this returning motion, the stepped blade locking pin 30 engages the saw blade 27 and firmly fixes the saw blade 27 in the slit 20d of the plunger 20. Regarding the direction of the saw blade 27,

this blade holding mechanism allows the user to set the saw blade 27 upside down when attaching it to the blade attaching portion 20c of the plunger 20. The applicants' earlier U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/426,646 filed Oct. 25, 1999 (now patented as ~~U.S. Patent No. 6,495,932~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,276,065) discloses the more detailed structure for the blade attaching and detaching mechanism.